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1. What is a city council member from Brooklyn asking the city's sanitation department do about its garbage trucks?

2. Which of the following celebs did not party with the Giants this week?

3. Which city in France has undergone a huge revitalization to become the country's new hot destination?

3 things you need to know

CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS HIRE HOLDER FOR FIGHTS WITH TRUMP

Democratic lawmakers in the California legisla ture said on Wednesday they retained former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to help in any legal battles with President-elect Donald Trump's administration. The move is more evidence that lawmakers in the nation's most populous state, where Democrats hold two-thirds majorities in both houses of the legislature, are girding for possible court battles after Trump takes office on Jan. 20. Last month, leaders of both houses introduced bills to protect undocumented immigrants from anticipated efforts by a Trump administration to increase deportations. In addition, Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown has made combating climate change a priority for the state. "Mr. Holder and his team will serve as outside counsel to the Legislature, advising us in our efforts to resist any attempts to roll back the progress California has made," Kevin de León, the Democratic leader of the state Senate, said in a statement. REUTERS

SC CHURCH GUNMAN TELLS JURORS HE IS NOT MENTALLY ILL

White supremacist Dylann Roof, facing the death penalty for the hate-fueled killings of nine black churchgoers in South Carolina, told jurors at his federal trial on Wednesday that he is not mentally ill but did not say whether he wants to live. The 22-year-old said during a short opening statement that he was representing himself for the penalty phase in Charleston because he did not want the jury to hear any of the mental health evidence his lawyers had sought to introduce in an effort to spare him from execution. REUTERS

TESLA STARTS BATTERY CELL PRODUCTION AT GIGAFACTORY

Tesla Motors Inc. has started mass production of lithium-ion battery cells at its gigafactory in Nevada along with Japan's Panasonic Corp, the company said on Wednesday. The cylindrical "2170 cells," which will be used to power Tesla's energy storage products and the new Model 3 sedan, have been jointly designed by Tesla and Panasonic, its longstanding battery partner. The gigafactory will initially produce battery cells for the company's Powerwall 2 and Powerpack 2 energy products, Tesla said. The production of cells for Tesla's first mass-market car, the Model 3, is expected to begin in the second quarter. The company said the gigafactory will produce 35 qigawatt-hours per year of lithium-ion battery cells by 2018. REUTERS



An app that knows where the garbage trucks are could alleviate city traffic, and a new bill could make that a reality, nyc pepartment of sanitation/fucks

NYC bill could help drivers avoid trash-truck traffic jams

A Brooklyn politician is asking the Department of Sanitation to release real-time GPS data.



One man's trash can lead to another man's traffic iam.

After repeatedly being stuck behind New York City garbage trucks when he takes his kids to school, one Brooklyn politician is looking to ease traffic issues caused by the lumbering trucks.

A bill introduced by City Councilman David Greenfield on Wednesday aims to have the city sanitation department release its real-time GPS data on a daily basis. The department releases such information when there are snowstorms so New Yorkers can check to see if their streets have been plowed.

The data could then be made available on naviga-

"It's very frustrating, obviously, for any parent who drives their kid to school in the morning."

David Greenfield

tion apps like Waze or specially created ones, giving motorists or anyone else the ability to track the garbage trucks as they move, and steer clear of those streets. It would be technology similar to what is found on ridehailing apps like Uber.

"It's very frustrating, obviously, for any parent who drives their kid to school in the morning, but it's also frustrating for the [truck] drivers having people honk at them," Greenfield said, according to the New York Daily News.

BRIEF

Police fatally shoot two men in separate confrontations in Brooklyn

Police officers fatally shot two men in separate confrontations hours apart in Brooklyn, the NYPD said

The first shooting happened at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday in Canarsie, the other shooting took place early Wednesday morning in Crown Heights.

In the first shooting, police were responding to a report about an emotionally disturbed person at 967 E. 99th Street in Canarsie, according to a



The revolver from the officer-involve shooting near 990 Atlantic Ave. NYPD

statement from Chief of Patrol Terence Monahan.

When officers arrived at the residence, they confronted a man inside who entered the kitchen, picked up a 13-inch knife and approached the officers, investigators said.

One officer deployed his Taser, which did not stop the man, who continued to approach the officers with the knife, authorities said. The second officer fired his gun and struck the man, who was later identified as 63-year-old James Owens.

Owens was taken to Brookdale Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The second shooting happened at 3:40 a.m. Wednesday when plainclothes officers and a sergeant on patrol heard gunfire and saw a man firing into the B-Hive Lounge in Crown Heights, a statement from Monahan said.

After the officers exited their vehicle and approached the man, he fled but then turned toward them with his gun in hand, authorities said. Two officers fired their weapons, and the man was hit in the midsection.

The man, identified as 18-year-old Joshua Martino, later died at Brooklyn Hospital.

A .38 caliber revolver police said he was carrying was recovered at the scene.

Investigations into both shootings continue.

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More than 100 injured | Could Positive Train Control have prevented in LIRR train crash

The commuter train failed to stop at the end of the track, rolling through a support block.



Investigators are attempting to determine what caused a Long Island Rail Road train packed with more than 400 commuters to crash through a support block as it en-tered Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn Wednesday morning, leaving more than 100 of passengers injured.

None of the injuries was considered serious.

The front two cars of the commuter train partially derailed after ramming a bumping block at the end of Track 6 in the terminal.

An investigator with the National Transporta-tion Safety Board said Wednesday night that 104 people sustained minor injuries in the 8:20 a.m. crash. The crash disrupted the commute for thousands of people.

Aaron Neufeld, 26, said he was in the train's second car when the crash occurred. "The speed wasn't that out of the norm," he told reporters. People were standing in the vestibule ready to disembark.'

On impact, "people thrown to the were



LIRR workers examine the crash site, BESS ADLER

"People were thrown to the ground and bags went flying."

Aaron Neufeld, passenger in the second car

ground and bags went flying," he told reporters. Shattered glass, bloody faces, and people crying surrounded him within minutes.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and MTA Chairman Tom Predendergast said during a news conference that the train engineer and conductor were being questioned, and the cause of the crash was under investigation.

The most serious injury was a possible broken leg sustained by a female passenger, Cuomo said.

The train began its route in Far Rockaway, Queens.

Some of the injured were treated at area hospitals, but many of the passengers walked away or were treated at the scene, so it was difficult to know precisely how many people were hurt, officials said. Most of the passengers who were injured were standing as the train was pulling into the sta-"There was a sudden stop. They weren't ready,"

Cuomo said.

The governor said the train was traveling at a fairly low rate of speed."

Police closed roads in the vicinity of the terminal on Atlantic and Flatbush avenues as the investigation continued and emergency crews treated injured passengers. The Federal Railroad Administration said on Twitter that its investigators were dispatched to the scene.

Officials expected that evening rush-hour commuters would not be affected, and trains would be running on schedule.

Friedman Alexi Amanda Mikelberg contributed to this report.

the LIRR crash?

Railroad safety and operating expert Richard Beall answers Metro's questions

How does an engineer normally stop a train?

Usually it's with a lever. They'll have the lever in the front of the controls, and the lever is placed at different degrees to match it to different degrees that you want it to brake, such as coming to a final stop or slowing when going past a yellow signal. If you push it all the way, an emergency break is applied.

Was this LIRR crash a mechanical failure or human error?

If I had to lean one way, it's probably operator error. The simple fact being that it wasn't an emergency situation. It just overshot the bumper a little bit, and not at a high speed. He obviously stopped at all sorts of other stations and routes and nothing happened there. He could have momentarily fallen asleep, got distracted and just did not break in time.

It is very, very unusual that it would be a brake failure, but anything can happen. Something can lodge in the system air pipe and block it.

Are the passenger cars on commuter trains such as the LIRR designed for safety during an impact or derail?

They are. Almost everything is put through tolerance testing, but you can only do so much if the train comes to an abrupt stop, with people standing up, getting ready to go, or not holding on, holding a briefcase. If the train is going 5 mph and stops suddenly the people will continue to go 5 mph.

Could Positive Train Control have prevented the crash?

Certainly if it is implemented, that could have overrIdden the operator and caused it to break sooner. Positive Train Control would be in effect at all times. It's inaction - not braking, or not obeying signals and crossings — that causes it to deploy.

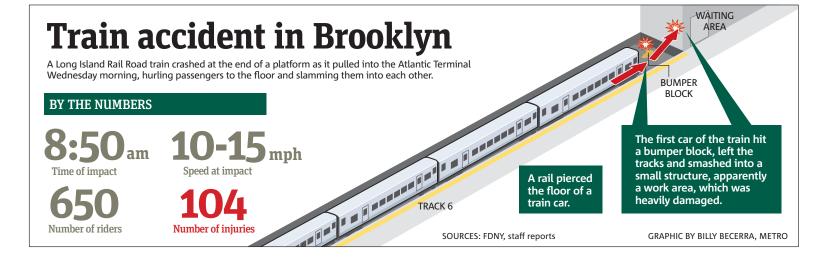
Do most other commuter railroad lines have

Positive Train Control? No. Very, very few have it in any form because it is very difficult to get it to interface with their technology and signal systems. It's still a ways away.

Would installing a system such as Positive Train Control make engineers obsolete?

No. The big problem is that commuter railroads have gone with one-man operations for a long time, but nothing ever compares to having a second set of eyes.

Richard Beall is a certified locomotive engineer with more than 30 years' experience in railroad operations. He works as a safety consultant and testifies as an expert witness in railroad litigation.



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City officials: New York City has 'safest year ever'

Fewer than 1,000 shootings were recorded for the first time in 22 years.



Shootings in New York City dropped last year to below 1,000 for the first time since 1994, officials announced Wednesday.

"2016 was the safest year ever in the history of New York City," asserted Mayor Bill de Blasio. "And we have reduced crime despite upticks in violence in many other cities across America."

There were 998 shootings in 2016, the fewest reported since the NYPD created the CompStat tracking tool in 1994. It was a drop of 140 shooting incidents

Crime by the numbers

101,606

105,921

2015 TOTAL CRIME

compared to 2015.

New York also experienced a 4.1 percent decrease in overall crime last year, with 101,606 crimes reported versus 105,921 in 2015. It is the lowest number of reported crimes in the

CompStat era.

The mayor credited the city's Neighborhood Policing Program and a focus on street gangs with the reduction in violent crime.

Two crime categories did see an increase over

2015.

Felony assaults rose 2.1 percent to 20,807 from 20,375 in 2015. The Housing Bureau also saw an increase to 5,211 crimes reported versus 5,088 in 2015, an increase of 2.4 percent.

"Three years ago, countless onlookers scoffed at the notion that New York City could reduce crime from already record lows," de Blasio said. "Yet we've done it, all while working toward a more just city by reducing arrests and curtailing the overuse of stop and frisk."

Police Commissioner James O'Neill, who took over from William Bratton in September, said "2016 was the safest year ever in the history of New York City."

An expanded version of this story can be seen at metro.us

BRIEFS



Cuomo: Obamacare repeal would cost state at least \$3.7 billion

The repeal of the Affordable Care Act, the goal of Republicans in Washington, would cost New York state \$3.7 billion and strip 2.7 million residents of health coverage, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said on Wednesday.

Cuomo, a Democrat, also said counties in the state could lose nearly \$600 million of federal Medicaid funding combined if the law, otherwise known as Obamacare, is repealed. New York City would lose the most, more than \$433 million

"The cost of a repeal of the Affordable Care Act, to state and local budgets and to the New Yorkers who depend on its health care coverage, is simply too high to justify," Cuomo said.

Republicans will make their long-desired bid to scrap the law the "first order of business," Vice President-elect Mike Pence said Wednesday. Replacing it will evolve in the weeks and months ahead, he added.
RELITERS

Woman accused of killing infant daughter

A 33-year-old Queens woman was charged Wednesday with murder after police officers responding to a 911 call found her infant daughter dead in their apartment bedroom, authorities said.

Shangbo Xiangshengjie, of 87-19 Elmhurst Ave., was arrested on the murder charge after officers found 1-year-old Sanggye Lhakyi lying unconscious in bed in the woman's apartment on Tuesday evening, investigators said.

Emergency responders pronounced the infant dead at the scene.

A medical examiner determined that the baby's death was a homicide. Police told local news reporters that it appeared the child had suffered a neck injury. GARY KANE

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Cuomo proposes \$10B renovation of JFK Airport

Mass transit improvements would carry a yet-undetermined price tag.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed a \$10 billion renovation of John F. Kennedy International Airport and surrounding roadways on Wednesday, his latest salvo in a roughly \$100 billion push statewide to bring decaying old infrastructure into the modern era.

Cuomo's proposal, based on recommendations from a study panel, would transform the New York City airport by unifying its terminals, which are currently disconnected.

It would also redesign internal roadways to eliminate bottlenecks, centralize parking lots and revamp amenities, Cuomo said at a luncheon sponsored by the Association for a Better New York, a development industry group.

Those changes could cost up to \$8 billion, with a proposed expansion of the Van Wyck Expressway, which goes to the airport, costing another \$2 billion.

Mass transit improvements — either the creation of a one-seat ride to the airport or expansion of existing capacity - would carry a yet-undetermined price tag. Currently, masstransit passengers have to take at least two trains or a bus and a train to get to airport.

"This is a race, my friends," Cuomo said, referring to London, Dubai, and other international cities speeding ahead with major infrastructure developments and glamorous, state-of-the-art airport projects. "We sat on our

laurels for too long."

Speaking to reporters after the luncheon, Cuomo said the Federal Aviation Administration had "shortchanged" New York on the number of flight slots allowed at the airport. He said officials would urge Washington to authorize more slots.

If it moves ahead, the airport revamp would follow a \$4 billion renovation of LaGuardia Airport, the city's other major airport, currently underway via a public-private part-

The airports are operat-

ed by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. While LaGuardia is notorious for its decrepit conditions, Kennedy Airport is in better shape, but still ranks 59th out of the top 100 airports in the world, Cuomo said.

The city is also served by Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey, which is run by the Port Authority.

The Democratic governor, viewed as a possible future presidential candidate, pushed New York City's Second Avenue subway line - decades in the making - to finally open formally on Dec. 31.

Now in his second fouryear term in office, he has emphasized big construction projects, including a replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge across the Hudson River north of New York City and the LaGuardia Airport renova-

The opening of the subway extension coincides with the incoming administration of Republican President-elect Donald Trump, who has pledged to jump-start infrastructure projects through tax

US prosecutors accused of leaking insider

name FBI agent trading probe



William "Billy" Walters, professional gambler and owner of Walters Golf, center. exits federal court in New York last June. GETTY IMAGES

U.S. prosecutors on Wednesday identified the FBI agent who they say admitted to leaking information to reporters about an insider trading probe involving a Las Vegas sports gambler and golfer Phil Mickelson.

David Chaves, a Federal Bureau of Investigation coordinating supervisory special agent, was named in court papers filed in Manhattan federal court as the agent prosecutors say leaked details about the probe of gambler William "Billy" Walters.

Prosecutors have said the agent, who they previously had not identified, admitted on Dec. 6 to being a "significant source" of information about the investigation in 2013 and 2014 for reporters at The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times.

Those newspapers published a series of reports beginning in 2014 about the investigation, two years before prosecutors in May brought insider trading charges against Walters, who has built a fortune as a sports bettor.

The leaks are now the subject of a criminal investigation by the Justice Department's Office of the Inspector General, prosecutors disclosed Dec. 21. Walters' lawyers are meanwhile expected to seek the case's dismissal as a result of the

Chaves, who oversaw

the FBI squad that conducted the investigation, has not been charged in connection with the leaks. His lawyer did not immediately respond to requests for comment. A lawyer for Walters

declined comment. Chaves previously has been involved in several high-profile securities fraud matters, including an FBI probe into insider trading in the hedge fund industry dubbed "Operation Perfect Hedge" that resulted in dozens of people being charged.

In Walters' case, prosecutors say the gambler made more than \$40 million through insider trading on tips supplied by Thomas Davis, the former chairman of Dean

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in a related civil case said Mickelson, who has won three Masters pro golf titles, at one point bought Dean Foods' stock on a recommendation by Walters, to whom he owed money.

Mickelson was not accused of wrongdoing, but he reached an agreement with the SEC to pay back \$1.03 million the regulator said he earned trading shares of Dean Foods. Davis has pleaded guilty. Walters is scheduled to face trial on March 13.

Lawyers for Mickelson and Davis did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Wednesday. REUTERS

BRIEF

Washington Monument lights out briefly in latest sign of structure's trouble

Lights at the Washington Monument were back on Wednesday after going dark overnight in the latest sign of trouble for the shuttered obelisk, one of the most popular tourist draws in the U.S. capital.

Lights on the 555-foot monument, about a half-mile south of the White House, went out around 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

But they were on when electricians arrived on Wednesday morning, National Park Service spokesman Mike Litterst said in an email

He said the lighting system's clock was likely out of synchronization, though red aircraft warning lights were unaffected.

"Staff are working to correct the problem and the lights are expected to be on this evening as normal," Litterst said.

The lighting trouble comes

about four months after the Washington landmark, which was damaged in a 2011 earthquake, was shut down because of chronic problems with its elevator.

The National Park Service said last month the monument, which draws about 600,000 visitors a year, would reopen in 2019.





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BRIEF

US chief justice steps aside in patent case over stock conflict U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts will no longer participate in a patent dispute at the Supreme Court involving a unit of Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc after he realized he owns about \$175,000 of stock in the company, the court said on Wednesday.

The eight-justice court is weighing whether genetic-testing kits made by Thermo



Chief Justice John Roberts

Fisher-owned Life Technologies Corp. infringed upon patents held by Promega Corp.

In a letter issued on Wednesday, Scott Harris, the clerk of the court, said Roberts belatedly learned that Life Technologies was owned by Thermo Fisher. The letter noted that "the ordinary conflict check conducted in the chief justice's chamber's inadvertently failed to find this potential conflict."

Roberts will therefore step aside, meaning only seven of the court's eight justices will decide the case, which was arqued on Dec. 6.

Roberts' 1,212 shares are worth around \$175,000 based on the current share price of around \$145.

Supreme Court justices routinely recuse themselves in cases involving companies in which they own stocks.



The Trump administration is expected to add more so-called inflation hawks to the Fed's ranks, which could offset a dovish tilt this year on the policy-setting committee and rattle a fragile consensus to go slow on rate hikes. GETTY IMAGES

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Fed policymakers agree Trump fiscal boost poses inflation risk

Trump will take office on Jan. 20 and has yet to outline in detail his economic policy plans.

Almost all Federal Reserve policymakers thought the economy could grow more quickly because of fiscal stimulus under the Trump administration and many were eyeing faster interest rate increases, minutes from the central bank's December meeting showed.

The minutes, released on Wednesday, showed how broadly views within the Fed are shifting in response to President-elect Donald Trump's promises of tax cuts, infrastructure spending and deregulation.

Policymakers clear that the outlook for those policies remained uncertain, but they could, if implemented, stoke higher inflation which would lead the central bank to raise borrowing costs more aggressively.

"About half of the participants incorporated an assumption of more expansionary fiscal policy in their forecasts," according to the minutes from the Dec. 13-14 meeting, referring to the 17 policymakers who participated.

"Almost all also indicated that the upside risks to their forecasts for economic growth had increased," the minutes

The central bank's policy-setting committee unanimously raised interest rates last month by a quarter of a point and policymakers signaled a faster pace of rate increases in 2017 than previously expected. That was seen as the Fed's first reaction to Trump's victory in the Nov. 8 election.

But the minutes showed policymakers might signal an even more aggressive path of rate increases if inflationary pressures rose. Trump campaigned on promises to double America's pace of economic growth and "rebuild" the country's infrastructure.

"This is a slightly hawkish set of minutes," said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics in Toronto.

Fed policymaker projections released month pointed to a labor market heating up to just a little stronger than its longer-run normal level.

The minutes, however, showed "many partici-pants judged that the risk of a sizable undershooting of the longer-run normal unemployment rate had increased somewhat and that the committee might need to raise the federal funds rate more quickly."

At the same time, Fed policymakers "emphasized their considerable uncertainty" about future economic policy changes.

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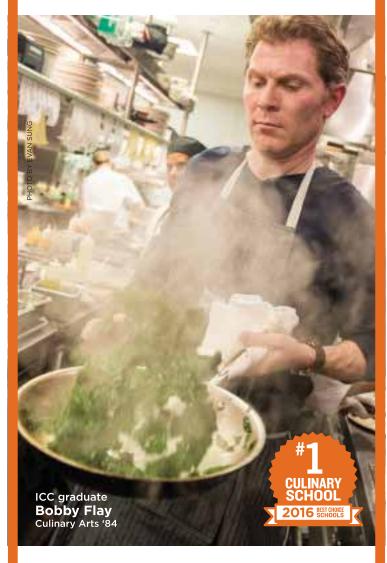
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Mass. triple murderer's lawyer asks jury to spare him

Jurors should spare the life of a Massachusetts drifter who killed three men in separate 2001 attacks because a series of brain injuries suffered as young as age 5 hurt his ability to control his emotions or impulses, his attorney said on Wednesday.

Prosecutors challenged that claim, citing the detailed planning that Gary Lee Sampson went through before and during his killing spree, including buying rope to more securely tie his victims and switching from stabbing them to strangling them when he tired of getting victims' blood on himself.

Sampson, 57, could be the second person sentenced to death by a federal jury in Massachusetts in two years, a rarity in a state whose laws do not allow the death penalty.

He pleaded guilty to killing two men in Massachusetts after hailing



Michael Rizzo, father of victim Jonathan Rizzo GETTY IMAGES

them as a hitchhiker and taking them to secluded wooded areas where he tied them up before stabbing them to death. He later strangled a third man in New Hampshire.

Sampson suffered a series of injuries, including from a fall of 10 feet when he was about 5 years old, that injured his brain and prevents him from fully controlling his actions or emotions, defense attorney Michael Burt said.

"It's helpful to look at those injuries and ask not whether it excuses, not whether it justifies, his crimes but does it help explain how he had been doing all these horrific crimes and running amok?" said Burt, as he presented the jury with some 115 mitigating factors that he said justify sparing Sampson's life.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Zachary Hafer dismissed the significance of the injuries.

"This is a convenient brain injury, this is a strategic brain injury, this is an imaginary brain injury," Hafer said.

He showed the jury the pocketknife Sampson used in the killings, as well as photos of his victims before and after their slayings.

Sampson was sentenced to death in 2004, but a judge in 2011 overturned that sentence after learning that one of the jurors had lied about having been a victim of domestic violence.

Sampson's victims were Philip McCloskey, 69, Jonathan Rizzo, 19, and Robert Whitney, 58.

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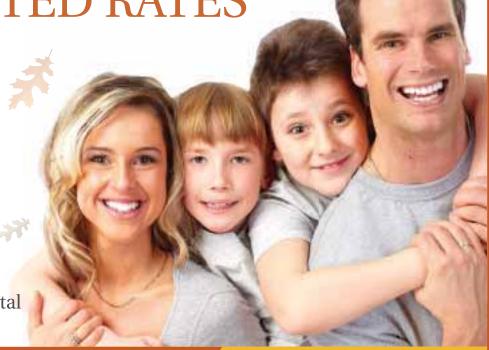
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CBS signs deal to join live-streaming platform by Hulu

CBS Corp. has signed a deal to have its broadcast network and some cable programming on Hulu's live streaming service, which is expected to go live this year, the companies said Wednesday.

Under the deal, the New York-based broad-caster's sports programing, including its NFL games and the NCAA Division 1 Basketball Championship, as well as CBS Sports Network and Pop, an entertainment channel, will be on Hulu. Hulu subscribers will also be able to subscribe to CBS Corp.'s Showtime for an additional price.

CBS, whose shows include news magazine "60 Minutes" and the

comedy "The Big Bang Theory," will bring in more than \$3 per monthly subscriber for its channels, with increases that could eventually get to more than \$4, according to a source familiar with the situation. The source requested anonymity because the deal is not yet public.

The Wall Street Journal first reported news of the agreement.

For Hulu, the addition of CBS's shows is a potential edge since its competitor AT&T DirecTV has not inked a deal with CBS for its own live streaming platform, DirecTV Now, which went live late last year.

In December, CBS



Hulu GETTY IMAGES

Chief Executive Leslie Moonves said he expected to reach a deal with AT&T DirecTV to be on the platform.

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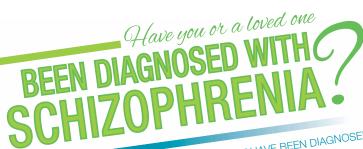
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Amazon, Forever 21 vying for bankrupt **American Apparel**

The bankruptcy auction of LA based American Apparel, which made its branding theme "Made in the U.S.A", will determine the future of a major clothing manufacturing plant in California, one of the most expensive states in terms of labor costs.



Online retailer Amazon. com Inc. and teen apparel store chain Forever 21 Inc. are among the companies weighing offers to acquire bankrupt American Apparel LLC, people familiar with the talks said on Wednesday.

Keeping jobs in the

United States has become a hot button political issue since the presidential election. Ford Motor Co. on Tuesday reversed plans for a \$1.6 billion factory in Mexico and said it would add 700 jobs in Michigan after receiving criticism from President-elect Donald Trump.

Amazon and Forever 21, as well as Californiabased apparel maker Next Level Apparel and brand licensor Authentic Brands Group LLC, are in talks with American Apparel and its financial advisers about submitting offers ahead of a deadline on Friday, the people said.

Any successful offer would have to top a \$66 million stalking horse bid by Canadian apparel maker Gildan Activewear Inc, which American Apparel agreed to when it filed for bankruptcy in November.

Gildan's offer included an option to keep American Apparel's manufacturing plants in southern California, which employ about 3,500 workers, making American Apparel one of the biggest garment makers in the United States.

But Gildan plans to preserve only some of the California production should its bid prevail, the sources said. Many of Gildan's production facilities are in low-cost countries.

An outcome in the auction is expected next week, the sources said, asking not to be identified because the deliberations are confidential.

American Apparel declined to comment. Amazon, Forever 21, Next Level Apparel and Authentic Brands did not respond to requests for comment.

A Gildan spokesman said in an email on Wednesday that it is putting together all the necessary information from its due diligence to best position itself in the auction. REUTERS

BRIEF

Scandal-tainted Oakland police department gets new chief

Oakland, California, on Wednesday named a high-ranking Chicago law enforcement official as the first woman to head its police department, which has been rocked by a sex abuse scandal and slammed by the mayor for its "toxic" and "macho"

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf told a news conference she appointed Anne Kirkpatrick to lead the department, saying residents wanted a leader with integrity

able to change culture. Someone who would deliver on fair and just policing, prevent violence, and increase accountability.". Three Oakland police chiefs

resigned in quick succession after the East Bay Express newspaper reported last June that numerous officers in Oakland and elsewhere sexually exploited a teenage sex worker.

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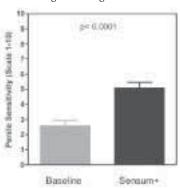
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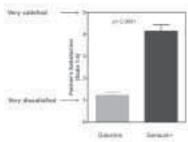
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Republicans make repealing Obamacare 'first order of business'

The Senate brushed aside Democrat opposition and voted to open debate on a resolution setting in motion the Republican drive to repeal the 2010 Affordable Care Act.

President Barack Obama exhorted fellow Democrats to preserve his legacydefining health-care law as Republicans moved ahead with their long-desired bid to scrap it in what Vice President-elect Mike Pence called the "first order of business" of Donald Trump's administration.

Obama, who hands over the presidency to Republican Trump on Jan. 20, made a rare trip to Capitol Hill to urge Democratic lawmakers to protect the measure, which is known as Obamacare and

is considered his signature domestic policy accomplishment.

Republicans, who will control both chambers of Congress and the White House when Trump takes office, stepped up their rhetorical attack on the law, which they have labeled a government overreach. Democrats in turn accused them of trying to rip apart the nation's health-care system with no firm plan to replace it.

"The Republican plan to cut health-care wouldn't 'make America great again," Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer told reporters, invoking Trump's campaign slogan. "It would make America sick again and lead to chaos instead of affordable care."

Since the law was enacted, Republicans in Congress have voted more than 50 times to try to repeal all or part of it and "The
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conservatives have filed suits to try to invalidate it.

Republicans, who have fought nearly all of Obama's major legislative initiatives during his eight years in office, have said Obamacare has brought excessive government



President Barack Obama leaves after meeting with Democratic members of the House and Senate. GETTY IMAGES

intrusion into the healthcare market and contend it is harming job growth by adding burdens on businesses.

Obama "encouraged us to fight," Democratic Rep. Elijah Cummings told reporters after meeting with the president. Obama told reporters his message was, "Look out for the American people."

Pence, a former member of the House of Representatives, met Republican lawmakers to plot the path forward on scuttling the law. Afterward, they stepped up their rhetorical attack on Obamacare, with House Speaker Paul Ryan saying the law ruined the American healthcare system.

"The first order of business is to keep our promise to repeal Obamacare and replace it with the kind of health-care reform that will lower the cost of health insurance without growing the size of government," Pence said at a news conference.

Pence said Trump will work in concert with congressional leaders for a "smooth transition to a market-based health-care reform system" through legislative and executive action. BEUTERS

Governor: ACA repeal would cost New York state at least \$3.7B

The repeal of the Affordable Care Act, the goal of Republicans in Washington, would cost New York state \$3.7 billion and strip 2.7 million residents of health coverage, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said on Wednesday.

Cuomo, a Democrat, also said counties in the state could lose nearly \$600 million of federal Medicaid funding combined if the law, otherwise known as Obamacare, is repealed. New York City would lose the most, more than \$433 million

"The cost of a repeal of the Affordable Care Act, to state and local budgets and to the New Yorkers who depend on its health care coverage, is simply too high to justify," Cuomo

Republicans will make their long-desired bid to scrap the law the "first order of business," Vice President-elect Mike Pence said on Wednesday. Replacing it will evolve in the weeks and months ahead, he added.

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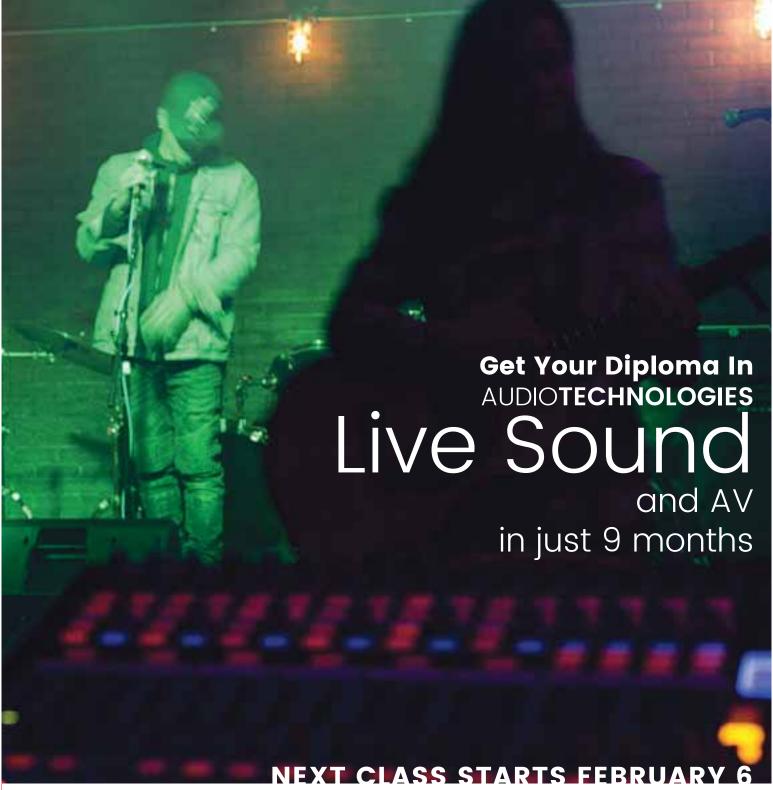
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Rumors of Kimye's demise have been greatly exaggerated

Kim Kardashian hasn't posted on Twitter or Instagram since she was robbed at gunpoint in Paris in October. But the rumor mill has been churning since she yanked the "West" from her social media handles this past week.

But fret not seems all is well with couple. Kim posted an adorable photo of herself and babydaddy Kanye with kids North and Saint West. She

captioned the photo, "Family."

The tweet comes on the heels of Kim's sweet family video that she uploaded to her YouTube channel and app Monday. The rare, untitled, lowfrills home movie shows the couple and the kids

hanging out at home and generally being cute.

Kanye and Kim had as tough a year in 2016 as anyone, so maybe some family time can help them stay grounded. Or at least help Kim stay grounded - you know, for now.

What to look forward to in 2017



Please, please, please let "Wonder Woman" (out June 2, starring Gal Gadot) be good, clay ENOS, DC COMIC



We've finally rid ourselves of the year from hell. But what's on the horizon? I'm not even going to begin to speculate on the politics. You can just check your Facebook feed if you feel the need for that. Actually, maybe don't do that. Here's what I'm looking forward to on the entertainment side this year:

We're not getting an-other season of "West-world" until next year, but this year we have the sixth season of "Game of Thrones." I'm also looking forward to the second season of "Stranger Things." I don't know about you, but '80s nostalgia is rather comforting these days.

We're getting a lot of sci-fi/fantasy/ amazing

comic book movies this year as well, and "Wonder Woman" is at the top of my list. I'm thrilled to finally be able to see not only a female-fronted superhero film, but to get to see Wonder Woman in her own film for the very first time in live action. If this is good - oh, please let it be good — I think we're going to start having discussions about more of these. It's about time.

Finally, I'm excited for "Star Wars: Episode VIII' – and sad. I was heartbroken when Carrie Fisher died, as I'm sure many of you were - not just because she played a character that changed the lives of girls everywhere, but because she was amazing in her own right. I have no idea what's going to happen next, now that she's gone, but one more chance to watch Carrie Fisher portray Leia Organa means the world to me.

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Of course George Michael inspired 'Carpool Karaoke'

Did you know that one of George Mi-chael's biggest fans is James Corden?

"The Late Late Show" host discussed the "Freedom! '90" singer's December death, saying, "I feel like I've loved George Michael as long as I've loved music.'

Corden revealed that not only did a charity sketch he did with George Michael in 2011 inspire his superpopular "Carpool Ka-raoke" series, it's what persuaded mega diva Mariah Carey to do the show. He says, "Her

words were, 'If it's good enough for George, then it's good enough for me. I'll do it.' So we all have so much to thank him for, for the music that he's given that will last forever, but we personally, here at this show, we owe him so much." Beautifully said, James.

Ryan Reynolds opens up about anxiety

Ryan Reynolds might be the calm, cool, witty star behind "Deadpool," but in an interview with Vanity Fair, the actor says he relied on his wife Blake Lively to cope with his anxiety throughout the film.

'The expectations were eating me alive... Blake helped me through that," he told the magazine. "I'm lucky to have her around just to keep me sane." The details of how exactly the mama of two kept her husband sane are unavailable, notes the publication, but it still sounds pretty solid to us.

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The young actor gushes about starring in the rare children's film that doesn't sugarcoat things.



"A Monster Calls" is not your typical children's film. And Lewis MacDougall doesn't play your typical children's film hero.

The Scottish actor, 14, plays Conor, a boy in remote Ireland whose mother (Felicity Jones) is wasting away from cancer. He finds himself visited at night by a giant tree monster (voiced Liam Neeson), who seems menacing yet only wants to tell him stories fairy tales,



Lewis MacDougall plays a young Irish boy trying to deal with the slow death of his mother (Felicity Jones) in the dark fantasy film "A Monster Calls," now in theaters. FOCUS FEATURES

not ones that promise endhappy They ings. instead offer lessons about how life is difficult, people are complicated and death is a

fact of life.

isn't

what kids usually hear, especially in movies.

"Quite a lot of films really underestimate how much a child can understand," MacDougall tells us. "It's important to be honest with kids. After all, they're going to be adults one day. They really need to learn about the troubles that life has, that life can be complicated."

Even with this unusual form of therapy,

Conor spends the majority of "A Monster Calls" at his wit's end. He's a bundle of nerves, prone to acting out. He might

be the angriest child ever

portrayed in a children's movie.

"It's something Conor is struggling to do: be honest with himself. The people around him aren't being honest with him about his mother's condition, about what's go-

What's next?

MacDougall is due for a change of pace later this year in "Boundaries," a roadtrip drama with Vera Farmiga, Christopher Plummer, Bobby Cannavale and Kristen Schaal.

"It's important for me to do different types of roles, to keep things fresh," MacDougall explains. "All the films I've done have all had different types of

He says there was never a moment when he realized he

wanted to be a professional actor. He almost didn't go to the open casting call that got him his stint in "Pan"; he belongs to a drama group whose director encouraged him to try out. Despite the big films, the actor says his life hasn't changed much.

"My friends and teachers treat me the same way," Mac-Dougall says. "Just like how Conor wants to be treated normally [in "A Monster Calls"], I want to be treated

ing to happen to her," he says. "This story can really help people. A lot of people, sadly, experiences loss or grief in their lives."

"A Monster Calls" is, as you can see, a really heavy film, and MacDougall had a tough job to do, as any actor of any age would.

"When I was told I got the part, obviously I was excited. But I was a bit nervous as well," he explains. "It's a big role to take for someone of my age. And it was only my second film." (The other one was a supporting turn in last year's "Pan.")

The young actor finds "A Monster Calls" to be one of the rare films about kids that really gets them. He cites "Stand By Me" as another. "It doesn't sugarcoat things," he says. "It shows the tough parts, and it shows them goofing off."



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Twice as nice to see the city

Two-for-one tickets during the first-ever NYC Attractions Week make it easy to check off your bucket list.



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Living in New York is never boring - so many trendy things to stand in line for! — but there are probably a few places you've always meant to visit but just haven't gotten around to.

Now, you have no excuse: Beginning Jan. 17 through Feb. 5, over 70 museums, cultural spots and tours across the five boroughs are offering twofor-one admission during the first-ever NYC Attractions Week.

"If you're looking for those shorter lines at museums and attractions, kind of having that attraction to yourself, this is perfect," says Christopher Heywood, senior vice president of global communications at NYC & Company, the interborough agency that also organizes Restaurant Week (reservations open Jan. 9) and Broadway and Off-Broadway weeks.

Not having to jockey with as many visitors makes it easy to "burn through your bucket list" the agency's slogan for Attractions Week like going to the top of the Empire State Building, taking a behind-thescenes tour of at Radio City, and even hopping on the ferry to the Staten Island Museum.

Or take in the Rolling Stones retrospective "Exhibitionism," mug with celebrities at Madame Tussauds, finally use that gold toilet at the Guggen-

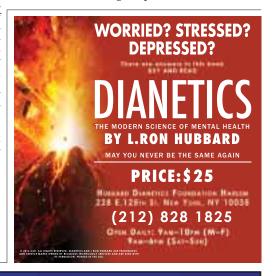
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heim and be one of the glamorous crowd at the Metropolitan Opera.

Also featured are tons of tours that aren't just of the iconic sites — what better way to learn a little history than on a pizze-ria crawl with A Slice of Brooklyn?

It's easy to forget how much is on our doorsteps, but it's even easier to get out and see it when most everything is just a Metrocard swipe away. And with hotel rates hovering around \$200, it's a good time to consider a staycation, too.

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New vegans

People may tell you life isn't worth living without cheese, but you're determined to make the world a healthier place not just for yourself but the animal kingdom, too. One of the things you're probably not excited about giving up is your late night, half-drunk slice of New York City's official party food: pizza. So don't! Greenpoint newcomer Screamer's Pizzeria not only has the best name, their almond ricotta and seitan sausage make for an easy and tasty transition. 690 Manhattan Ave.

Veggie-phobes

Time to expand that palate you haven't worked on since your mom stopped trying to get you to eat broccoli. The vegetable world has never been more exciting, from gourmet veggie burgers to a vegan butcher shop opening in Brooklyn this spring. Let former El Rey chef Gerardo Gonzalez show you how magical vegetables can be at his new Chinatown restaurant Lalo, where he continues to turn his California roots and Mexican heritage into veggie-forward dishes like a cucumber salad with mole vinaigrette and a "black bean" dip made with squid ink-dyed cannellini. 104 Bayard St.



Conscious eaters

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The only constant in 2016 was stress, and many of us probably spent the year stuffing our faces with whatever our emotions craved. If you're looking to improve your relationship with food, why not start with food that makes you feel calmer and more balanced?

Divya's Kitchen, a new East Village restaurant by longtime ayurvedic chef Divya Alter, uses ancient cooking principles to create dishes that are as beneficial for your mind as your body. 25 First Ave.

Off the sauce

Even the term "happy hour" just sounds so appealing. But if your relationship with alcohol has changed, whether for health or one too many

mornings of "Oh god, did I really do that?" reasons, it doesn't mean you have to stop enjoying cocktails. Williamsburg brunch hot spot Manila Social Club started out without a liquor license for almost a year, so they got pretty good at honing mocktails like the citrusy-sweet Calamansi Honey and the fizzy and frothy Coconut Cooler to go with their signature Spam fries and mango souffle pancakes. 2 Hope St.

Early risers

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Not-so-Under the Radar

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A play without actors, a musical on a warship and a spy mission inside the Brooklyn Museum — so much for staying Under the Radar.

The 13th annual theater festival that collects the best works from around the country – and the world – is back through Jan. 15 with some of its most inventive productions ever, according to director Mark Russell. More than 180 shows will play at venues across the city in 12 days, and all tickets are only \$25.

"It's a very confusing time," says Russell, referring to the election results. "Places like theater, where people come



'Top Secret International (State I)" by Rimini Protokoll is set in the Brooklyn Museum. **BENNO TOBLER**

together to see something, are going to be very important.

We asked Russell what we'll see at Under the Radar that's unlike anything else on the stage.

Theater in the raw

Many of the performers at Under the Radar don't have a theater of their own, such as the Belarus Free Theatre. Before it

was forced to leave its homeland, the company's shows would take place in secret locations and get raided, with both performers and audience arrested. "We're sort of duplicating some of those elements [of danger]" says Russell of its show, 'Time of Women." "It's helpful to remind people that we may have to go to some very inventive resistance forms to

survive the next four to eight years.'

You're the actor

Just as silence can sometimes be as profound as Shakespeare's prose, Russell says several productions question whether we needed actors, whether that was the best way to deliver a story at this moment." In Brooklyn



Club Diamond" revives a lost Japanese art. KATHRYN RAINES

duo 600 Highwaymen's "The Fever," it's actually the audience who will be performing a piece that questions our role in a community. "It's a gentle piece - at least, it begins very gently," says Russell. "And things just accumulate.

Site-specific shows

Under the Radar is taking over much more than the Public Theater's stages and salons this year. "Blueprint Specials," a Broadway-style musical created during World War II and staged by enlisted Army soldiers, will take place on the deck of the Intrepid with

a cast of 16 veterans. The creative team behind the spy drama "Top Secret International (State I)" are staging their production in the Egyptian wing of the Brooklyn Museum, where audience members will mix with patrons.

Old is new again

This year's Under the Radar is downright retro. Besides "Blueprint Specials," Manual Cinema's low-cost projectors are creating a shadow puppet theater with "Luna del Rey" and "Club Diamond" is reviving a Japanese traveling show in which actors make up stories set to silent films.

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Winter Jazzfest

Five days of world-class jazz kicks off today at 14 venues, from Union Square to Delancey Street, during the winter edition of Jazzfest. More than 600 artists will play individual shows and the festival's famous marathon sets (Friday and Saturday) with themes like social justice and celebrating the 100th birthday of Thelonious Monk with a 12-performer set of his album "Solo Monk."

Jan. 5-10, various venues, \$20-\$90, winterjazzfest.com

NOW Sound of Budapest

The music coming out of Hungary sounds nothing like what the rest of Europe is producing, with modern takes on classical and a new genre rising from the Eastern European country's folk traditions. Get a taste of it all at this free performance and reception featuring wine and tastes from Hungary (with RSVP). The NOW

Sound of Budapest features music by Meszecsinka (psychedelic fusion), David Yengibarian (ethnofolk) and the Borbely Quartet. Jan. 5, 8 p.m., DROM NYC 85 Ave. A, free, dromnyc.com

globalFEST

This music festival's mission of keeping the international exchange of art and ideas alive after 9/11 continues this weekend. Sharing influences from every corner of the map, this year's entertainers bring 12 musicians to three stages at Webster Hall, including Hoba Hoba Spirit (Morocco), SsingSsing (Korea), Septeto Santiaguero (Cuba), Ranky Tanky (USA) and Alsarah and the Nubutones (Sudan). Jan. 8, 7 p.m., 125 E. 11th St., \$45, globalfest.org

Remembering David Bowie

Part karaoke, part therapy — very Brooklyn. You can participate in this ode to David Bowie as Toronto's Choir! Choir! Choir! teaches the audience to sing "Space Oddity" during an interactive concert at the Hall at MP. A perfect homage to the legendary performer, the event emphasizes passion and participation over perfection and enforces the goal of bringing people together through music, especially with songs that have lasting cultural significance. Jan. 9, 8 p.m., 470 Driggs Ave., \$20, thehallbrooklyn.com

FILM

Illuminating "Moonlight"

Even something as original as current awards darling "Moonlight" bears the imprint of

movies that inspired it. With the Lincoln Center series "Illuminating 'Moonlight," the film's director, Barry Jenkins, lays his cards on the table. On the schedule is not only Jenkins' early work — including his first feature, "Medicine for Melancholy" — but movies that helped shape his unique vision.

Through Jan. 9, Walter Reade Theater, 165 W. 65th St., various prices, filmlinc.org

Harry Potter 20

It's been 20 years since "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" was published. Yes, we're all old, but not being school-age anymore means we can drink the boozy Butterbeer at Nitehawk Cinema's Harry Potter weekend brunch series. For three months beginning this weekend, the Williamsburg dine-in theater will be screening all eight Harry Potter films to commemorate the start of the series back in 1997. Expect specials like grown-up Butterbeer. Jan. 7-March 26, 136 Metropolitan Ave. \$12, nitehawkcinema.com

STORYTELLING

The Blackout Diaries

After the holidays, we all probably have a new drinking tale or two to share. A great story is the gift that keeps on giving, as audiences

quickly learn at "The Blackout Diaries," where performers share their best boozy stories onstage, from hilarious college hookups to entire evenings pieced together through cryptic photos and texts. Go to laugh, cringe and drink responsibly. For one night, at least. Jan. 5, 10 p.m., Union Hall 702 Union St., Brooklyn \$10-\$15, unionhallny.com

PARTY

One Step Beyond

Dance among the dinosaurs with

two top DJs at the American Museum of Natural History's series of cultural immersion parties. This month's One Step Beyond offers beats by Kenny Dope and Eli Escobar, kicking off when the museum closes and giving guests unique access to exhibits, including the Hayden Planetarium. But the main event takes place at the Rose Center for Earth and Space, where a dancefloor and cash bar are sure to keep your party spirit from going extinct.

Jan. 6, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Central Park West at 79th St. \$25, amnh.org

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No Pants Subway Ride

Your commute is about to get a little weird — it's time again for the No Pants Subway Ride. What began as a seven-person prank by Improv Everywhere in 2002 has grown into 5,000 participants. You can be one of them if you're brave enough (and can keep a straight face — nothing strange going on here!) and there's also an official pants-optional afterparty at Bar 13 with a cover of \$15 for DIs and drink specials.

Jan. 8, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., multiple locations, free, improveverywhere.com



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With a recent airport overhaul, strategic location, many beautiful beaches (one for every day of the year, the ads boast) and new UNESCO World Heritage Site — the exquisite walled Georgian-style Naval Dockyard — Antigua has positioned itself as a fantastic base for Caribbean exploration.

Wellington

Plan to spend a few days in the capital city of Wellington, the epicenter of New Zealand's film industry. The creative vibe permeates the city, from the concept store Good as Gold to single-origin coffee shops.

Yorkshire, England

Yorkshire, the largest of England's counties, is also one of its most romantic, offering windswept moors, charming market towns, historic stately homes and brooding ruins. At its heart is the beautifully preserved city of York, still retaining its medieval walls and streets. But much of Yorkshire's appeal lies in its great outdoors, from the rugged expanses of the North York Moors to fishing villages.

Marfa, Texas

This small town steeped in both history and contemporary art has been steadily gaining notoriety. Its downtown boasts a thriving gallery scene, and the city also makes an ideal base for exploring the Texas borderlands. About an hour's drive south, the Fort Leaton State Historic Site sits at the entrance to the vast (and under-

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the-radar) Big Bend Ranch

Bordeaux, France

In the last 15 years, the city has gotten its luster back, giving its Neoclassical facades a serious spruce-up, creating large pedestrian-only swaths and investing in state-of-the-art transport. Most notable is the recently opened Cite du Vin, known as the world's first wine theme park.

Kiev, Ukraine

Kiev is a unique mix of ancient monasteries and monumental Communistera buildings. Any itinerary must include 11th-century Eastern Orthodox Monastery of the Caves with its gilded domes and underground catacombs. Nearby, in contrast, visitors should check out the Motherland Monument, a Soviet war memorial of mammoth dimensions.

Denver

Over the past few years, the Colorado capital has

undergone an impressive food renaissance seen in the multitude of food halls and breweries that have opened up, including Avanti and The Source, which is undergoing an expansion that will include a New Belgium brewery in early 2017. It's also become the nation's hub for recreational weed, giving new meaning to "Rocky Mountain High."



Largely overlooked by foreign visitors, Minho's lush green landscape has forest-covered hills, deep river valleys, unspoiled sandy beaches and pretty towns where life appears to have changed little over the centuries. It also takes in the unforgettable Parque Nacional PenedaGeres — Portugal's only national park.



See Wellington, New Zealand, from a cable car. DEAGOSTINI, GETTY IMAGES

Hip Arthritis Pain? Can Newest Medical Treatments Help Avoid Surgery?

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joint – always with the use of a advanced medical imaging - it is like putting oil on a rusty door hinge. It cushions the joint and can decrease pain and promote healing. This is not cortisone and has no side effects. For some, results can be dramatic and last for months - if not longer. The earlier you treat the hip, the better chance it can help you.

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GIANTS' PARTYING WAYS **NOTHING NEW**



The NFL regular season is finally over but it seems that the New York Giants wide receiver corps forgot that they had made the playoffs. Odell Beckham Jr. and Victor Cruz treated rookie wide receivers Sterling Shepard and Roger Lewis Jr. to a night in Miami this past weekend to party with the likes of Justin Bieber, Khloe Kardashian, Trey Songz, and Fabolous. You don't have to tell me what they were up to in the party capital of the East Coast. The pictures probably don't do it justice, and for sure, playoff football was the last thing on their minds.

Speaking of playoffs, we have some rousing

matchups this Saturday and Sunday during the wild-card round. But for the majority of the NFL, the partying has begun.

Bengals cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones got the offseason started with a bang after he was arrested at a Cincinnati hotel for banging on random hotel doors and then getting into it with security, and the police, as well as spitting on a nurse who was examining him after his arrest. From what history tells me, Pacman was definitely out partying before the incident.

Let's take a look here at some of the more notable professional athletes known for their party animal behavior.

Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski is the epitome of a high school jock. Gronk is obnoxious, has got lots of muscles, lots of hair gel, lots of corny dance moves, and

not a lot of brains. Looks like the recipe for success if you're looking to build the ultimate party animal. Injuries, and Bill Belichick has not stopped Gronk from partying, and I doubt that is going to end anytime soon.

Golfer John Daly is another name that rings a bell when we think of athletes who can party. Daly was the real-life Happy Gilmore. Nicknamed "Wild Thing," Daly took the PGA Tour by storm in the '90s and was not shy about letting the public know about his habits off the course. The list of party-related incidents over Daly's career is a long one as former golfer David Feherty once said, "John Daly holds the record for most prostitutes in a hotel room.

This next athlete will be remembered forever for his unique personality, fashion sense, and

"The pictures don't do it justice, and for sure, playoff football was the last thing on their minds.

sexuality. Dennis Rodman definitely had some loose screws upstairs and it was inevitable that the world would find out he had a problem with alcohol. In February 2014 on a trip to North Korea, Rodman reportedly was drunk during his entire stay, and on the final day of the stay he vomited, urinated and emptied his bowels in the



Odell Beckham enjoys himself some night life. GETTY IMAGES

hallway of a hotel. After returning home, North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un said of Rodman that, "No one in a right mind would be a friend with Rodman." Dennis, you take the cake on this one.

Hopefully by Sunday the Giants wideouts are fully recovered from their rendezvous, but to put everything into perspective, let's be happy that this is the only reported incident of partying too hard.

Stepan trying to bring Rangers to next level

The Rangers have played inconsistently of late.



Derek Stepan was irritated, and he had every right

It was a few minutes after the Rangers completed their no-show effort with a 4-1 loss to the Sabres Tuesday night at the Garden, and the center felt the need to criticize what his team had accomplished.

There wasn't much to compliment.

"Êveryone on the ice has to raise their level,' Stepan told reporters. "I go back to execution. ... You can easily say compete level and moving

your feet and stuff like [that to] go along with it but for me our execution was really what surprised me. We weren't even close and that's every single player."

The Rangers did not record a shot until Ryan McDonagh's slap shot 9:54 into the first period, and their second shot occurred at the 16-minute mark of the period. The Rangers finished with a 25-19 advantage in shots on goal, but by the time Nick Holden recorded his eight goal of the season at 15:55 of the second, the Sabres had a 3-0 lead.

The most troubling aspect of the loss was that the Rangers were a fortnight away from consecutive embarrassments at Pittsburgh (7-2 on Dec. 20) and a 7-4 defeat that wasn't that close at the Garden against Minnesota on Dec. 23.

After the loss to the Wild, Stepan was comto critique his pelled

"We have some major areas to clean up," Stepan told reporters. "We have to make adjustments. We have to be honest about our game and where it's

Following the threeday Christmas holiday, the Rangers had to rally in order to beat the Ottawa Senators, 4-3, on Dec. 27 at the Garden. That game was marked by Stepan screaming at his teammates on the bench during a first period stoppage in play after Ottawa had jumped out to a 2-0 lead.

"Let's just play," Stepan told the New York Daily News, when asked what his message to his team



Derek Stepan has been vocal about getting the Blueshirts back on track, GETTY IMAGES

was. "What do we have to lose? Let's play the way we had success to start the year. Let's just get back to playing with some jam and some emotion."

Entering Wednesday night's nationally televised game in Philadelphia against the Flyers, the Rangers are 26-13-1 for 53 points and third place in the Metropolitan

Division. They lead Washington — who holds the first Eastern Conference wild-card slot - by two points, but the Capitals have three games in hand.

For as well as the Rangers have played in the first half of the season, the concerning aspect is that a veteran group has allowed their collective game to slide to a point where Stepan - among others — have had to openly call out effort and execution.

There's no doubt we didn't do a good enough job in preparing our team," Alain Vigneault said. "I [have] mentioned it many times: There are no easy games in this league. We're going to need to respond."

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Aries Stay active and stick with it until you finish what you start. Leaving anything undone will lead to complaints and criticism. Show how valuable you are.



Taurus Get involved in something you find rejuvenating or helpful. Learn as you go and build experience that will encourage you to be a better person. Romance is highlighted.

Gemini Set reasonable goals and get into a

routine that will help you reach them. Tak-

ing care of personal business and affairs of

the heart will give you peace of mind.



Cancer Making last-minute decisions or changes based on your emotions will backfire. Keep your life simple and be moderate in all that you do. Protect partnerships.

Leo Don't hesitate. If you want something,

go after it wholeheartedly. Strive for excellence in order to surprise and impress



someone who can influence your future. Virgo Changes at home could be unnerving and cause stress. Step back from whatever situation you face and consider what you

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Libra Keep your life simple in order to avoid backlash. Refuse to let anyone talk you into something you don't want to do. A change of heart will lead to a change in lifestyle.



Scorpio Positive changes at home or to your methods will help you establish what you want to do next personally and professionally. A move or lifestyle change is apparent.



Sagittarius Make a change that will encourage you to do what's best for you instead of acting in accordance with others' wishes. If you are true to yourself, you will excel.



Capricorn You'll be torn between what you want to do and what you should do. If you decide to make a move, be sure to seek any approval you may need as you go forward.



Aquarius Get in touch with someone from your past. It will remind you of old dreams and spark a renewed interest in something you used to enjoy doing.



Pisces Look for alternative ways to bring in more cash. You will have to make compromises to reach your goals. Put a set budget in place to help you excel. EUGENIA LAST

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